

BLOWN IN ON MUSIC

New Yorkers Will Spend Ten Million Dollars.

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New Bank to be Started to Promote Financial Interests Between the United States and Several Other Countries.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Just about one dollar's worth of music for every one of New York's residents is to be turned loose, during the coming season; for the city with all the appearance of being music mad has completed plans for spending something between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 on sweet sounds, vocal and instrumental. The greater part of this fortune for which when spent the public will have nothing to show, will pour into the coffers of the Metropolitan Opera House during the seventeen weeks' season beginning next Monday. The five regular performances a week will separate New Yorkers from \$12,000 for each one, the seventeen Sunday concerts will cost \$2,000 apiece, and the special performances and benefits will bring the total up well above the million mark. In other words in this one playhouse alone New York will spend every week enough to pay the salary of the President of the United States, to say nothing of the Vice president and half a dozen senators. And this is only one item. There is to be an opera season at the Manhattan also, and if the tenor, of whom little is known, is anything of a success, at least \$750,000 will probably be spent there, for while one swallow can't make a summer, one opera singer can make an opera season. Aside from the opera houses New Yorkers will probably pay out another half million dollars at Carnegie Hall, where something like 175 concerts will be pulled off during the season. The ten Boston Symphony concerts alone will net \$10,000. The Philharmonic, however, carries off the palm as a money maker, since after paying its director \$1,000 for each performance it nets more than \$5,000 on each pair of concerts. Other concerts and musical will add another \$500,000 to the total of \$4,000,000 which New York is about to blow in on music.

New York has just taken one more step in the direction of assuming that first position in the world of finance so long occupied by London and contented by Berlin and Paris, a position of honor and power which have counted for much in maintaining the boasted English trade supremacy, now steadily and rapidly giving way before the advance of Yankee energy. The latest step in this invasion is revealed in the announcement that prominent New York financial interests have just established an American bank 25,000,000 marks. The chief aim of the new bank, it is stated, will be the promotion of commercial and industrial relations with the United States and other countries of the three Americas. It is only in recent years that such an advance has assumed important proportions. Practically the first move on the part of American financial interests in the direction of extending trade through facilities afforded by the establishing of American banks in foreign countries was made in Cuba, at the close of the Spanish-American war, when the Trust Company of America, then acting as fiscal agent in the island for the United States government, replaced the cumbersome and practically useless Spanish banking system by modern methods. Since that time Americans have invested about \$7,500,000 in banking enterprises in Havana, a single bank established in that city within a few months having been capitalized at \$5,000,000. Now Americans enjoy a practical monopoly of Cuban trade.

Six thousand one hundred and seventy three people living in one city block of five and one-third acres—That is the record of the most congested district in New York where human beings literally pack themselves together like sardines. This block is not as might be expected on the lower East Side, but on the West Side of Central Park between sixty-first and sixty-second streets. Altogether there are fifty-one blocks in the city having a population of more than 2,000 each and of these 37 are on the lower East Side below Fourteenth Street, seven on the East Side above Fourteenth Street, six on the West Side, and one in the middle and now called the "Fifth Avenue Federation Districts." Overcrowding in the city is undeniably on the increase and the prophecy of New York as the living place of only the very rich and the very poor is always gaining weight. For example in 1900 the combined population of the 51 most congested blocks was 122,881 while in

1905 the number had increased to 177,98, or nearly 50,000, with more than 500 people to the acre nothing uncommon. Of course rents are one great cause of congested population, for the laboring man cannot afford the necessary space at the present prices. One expert investigator has reported four dollars per room per month for each room of a five-room tenement as the lowest price at which decency can be required. While the investigating showed that \$1,064 per year was the lowest adequate living cost for a man with a wife and three children, actual conditions show that in many cases families of this size must live for far less. Thus does the problem of preventing too great a congestion of population become daily more apparent.

The character of the mosquito, long defamed, has at last found a defender in the person of Mr Doty, who has been engaged in stamping out the insect in territory contiguous to New York. The doctor's experiments while eminently successful have evidently shed some new light on the make up of the mosquito, for he pictures its lot as a sad one, being quoted to the effect that it either dies of starvation or under the strain of captivity, or else is frightened to death. If it can escape these evils which beset it the doctor sees no reason why it should not live to a comfortable age, instead of for the brief span generally assigned to it. This theory at least relieves mosquito slaughter to one of its horrors, for tender hearted persons will doubtless be pleased to learn that it is not a gory and brutal end which the insect suffers when swatted by an irate victim, but instead an instantaneous and comparatively painless death from fright at the swiftly descending hand. It is the price of a delicate sensitive organization. But while Dr. Doty has done something to remove the idea that the mosquito is not a coarse and bloody robber, he has nevertheless been working hard to exterminate him, and with such success that New York's beaches may yet become enjoyable and the Jersey mosquito be removed from the standing list of summer jokes. Working with an appropriation of less than \$20,000 the doctor tackled Staten Island and by a comprehensive scheme of ditches drained the salt marshes where the pests bred. Strange to say these marshes are now practically solid ground for in spots where the ditch diggers sank almost to their waists in muck, the mowing machine harvested crops of hay this fall. And the mosquito has practically vanished.

The old Sinclair House at Broadway and Eighth Street, one of the city's most famous and ancient landmarks, is to be torn down to give way to the needs of modern business. Fifty years ago when the house was the center of social life and the eating place par excellence of the city such an announcement would have aroused a storm of protest not only in the city but from all the country east of the Alleghenies, so well was it known. For nearly one hundred years it has stood with varying fortunes. Built originally by a Dr. Parker it was intended as a residence, but was abandoned later as being too far outside of the city limits. It was bought by Robert Sinclair and turned into a road house. Its reputation grew until it was synonymous for fine game dinners and rare wines. Coaching parties wound up there and many elopers made it their Greta Green. Later it was no longer outside the city which extended almost to what is now twenty-third Street, and its fame increased. In the heart of the theatrical district it was the most famous resort of its kind for many years. Politicians of the Tweed ring as well as men like William Cullen Bryant and Horace Greeley ate there, Sinclair finally sold the house to Wm. Niblo who in turn disposed of it to the present auctioneer. It is to be demolished to make way for a twelve-story mercantile building.

During the three months considered in the report of Health Commissioner Darlington just sent to Mayor McClellan, exactly 191 persons found life in New York too distasteful to make it longer bearable, and in consequence escaped it by the suicide route—a surprising total of more than two a day. Shooting seemed to be the most popular route of self destruction, since of the total number 55 selected it. Twenty died by carbolic acid, twenty hanged themselves, seventeen took gas, one died by Paris green, nine by jumping from high places, one by chloroform, and one by leaping in front of a train. Only three women hanged themselves, while seventeen men died by this means. Sixty-seven persons were killed by electric cars during the quarter, Brooklyn living up to her reputation in this respect by accounting for forty-one who apparently did not merit the title of "trolley-dodgers." The total number of 945 deaths by accident and negligence during the three months furnishes a startling commentary on the cheapness of life in the country's greatest city.

JOHN NEIMSTREET. CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—John Neimstreet, who was 101 years old last January, died at the Chicago Home for Incurables yesterday. He was born at Rome, N. Y. in 1805.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATORS.

Orphan Boy Almost Blind is Permanently Cured.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Seven year old Edward Behringer an orphan was presented from becoming blind by an operation, said to be the first of the kind ever performed in the United States at the City Polytechnic Hospital. A worm which was slowly eating its way through the ball of the eye was removed. The Behringer boy's home is on a truck farm near Niles, Mich. He had been in the habit of eating radishes and other truck just as it came from the garden and it is supposed one of the radishes contained the bacilli of a tapeworm, which in some manner lodged in the eye.

PROPERTY ADVANCING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The most valuable of the properties which the board of estimate decided yesterday to acquire for the projected Brooklyn bridge terminal, is the Staats Zeitung building. The price put upon it by the city's appraiser is said to be about \$2,000,000. When erected in 1873 the building together with the land on which it stands, cost \$300,000. It is a five story structure of granite.

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